(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Price control on drugs is excercised in accordance with the provisions in the 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986' and Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1995.

Apharan ya Hatya ka Mamla

3700. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Apharan Ya Hatya Ka Mamala" Paryapt Saboot Na jutane par Adaalat Ne Police ki Khichai Ki", appearing in the Dainik Jagaran, dated August 28, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The court has held in this case that the evidence led by the prosecution was not sufficient to establish the guilt of the accused persons beyond the shadow of doubt. The Delhi Police have initiated action to determine whether there was any lapse on the part of the investigating officer of the case.

Disparity in Promotional Avenues

3701. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great disparity in the matter of promotion for the Medical Officers in the Fertilizer Corporation of India and other Fertilizer plants;

(b) whether the promotional avenues are not ecouraging for the Non-medical officials;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to create better promotional avenues for the Medical officers working in the Fertilizer plants under the Fertilizer Corporation of India; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The promotional avenues for Medical Officers in the Fertilizer Corporation of India, which is a sick company, are not different from Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., which is another sick company.

(b) and (c). The promotions in non-medical disciplines are done on the basis of approved set up of the company and rules for such promotion.

(d) and (e). Being below Board level appointments, the terms and conditions of appointment and promotion of Medical Officers are decided by the Management of the Company.

Girftar Yuvak se Baramad Rakam

3702. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Girftar Yuvak Se Baramad Rakam Paune Do Karor Ya Chalees Lakh" appearing in the 'Jansatta' dated Novermbet 18, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government consider to conduct a C.B.I. probe in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Delhi Police have assigned the matter for a vigilance inquiry.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

[Translation]

Illegal Arms

3703. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is abundance of illegal arms in the various districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the raids on the premises of the persons having criminal tendencies have been conducted to recover the illegal arms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to recover such illegal arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rainfed Area

3704. SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Uttrakhand Region of Uttar Pradesh has been identified as the rainfed area;

(b) if so, whether the National Development Projects have been undertaken during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in the said region;

(c) the funds made available to the region for the purpose; and

(d) the funds out of total allocation remained unutilised?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The areas which fulfil the eligibility criteria of having less than 30% arable area under assured means of irrigation in a development block have been taken up under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) in Uttarkhand region. Accordingly, the Project is being implemented in 70 micro-watersheds in al many blocks in eight districts of the region.

(c) and (d): An amount of Rs. 2033.63 lakh has been made available under the project to this region out of which Rs. 469.84 lakhs is yet to be utilised.

[English]

Functioning of Super Bazar

3705. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the assessment and review of the functioning of the Super Bazar were done by the Government last and the advice tendered to the Super Bazar;

(b) whether such advice was also tendered in the past;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the shortcomings and irregularities which came to the notice of the Government about the functioning of the Super Bazar during the last three years; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (e). Super Bazar is an autonomous cooperative society having its own Board of Directors who review its working.

Robbery in Punjab National Bank

3706. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Police investigated the robbery in the Punjab National Bank branch in New Delhi South Extension Area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). A case of burglary in New Delhi South Extension - Part I Branch of Punjab National Bank was registered by the Delhi Police on 2nd December, 1996. The investigation conducted into the matter revealed that the roof of the strong room had been broken in order to gain entry and gas cutters had been used to open several lockers. The finger print experts accompanying the investigating team were able to lift 11 chance prints from the spot. However, the persons who had hired the broken lockers have not so far intimated the details of articles stolen from their respective lockers.

Infiltration from Arab Countries

3707. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expelled workers of various countries working in the Arab countries have been reaching at the Indian Coasts by the sea route;

(b) if so, whether the Government have established any Security system to check the infiltration of these persons;

(c) if so, the number of foreign nationals settled in India during the last three years; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to check such infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, instance has come to our notice in which workers of other countries working in Saudi Arabia or other Gulf Countries expelled from there have reached Indian Coast by sea. However, from time to time, Indians living abroad without valid travel documents and visas have been expelled from Gulf Countries. Following declaration of an Amnesty Scheme by the UAE Government, Indians who arrived in India during the period September 10 to December, 10, 1996 is approximately 60,000; most of them travelled back by air, though some returned by sea. All returnees had valid Indian travel documents i.e. they came on Emergency Certificates issued by Indian Mission at UAE after following due procedures and they were given entry by Immigration Check Post authorities only after verifying their travel documents including Emergency Certificates/passports.

(b) This Ministry has been sensitising from time to time the concerned agencies including State Governments and UTs to check infiltration by foreign nationals and to deport them in appropriate cases.

(c) and (d). In view of what has been stated in reply to parts (a) and (b) of the question, the question and necessity of these "Does not arise".

Research and Development in Pharmaceutical Companies

3708. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Pharmaceutical companies